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Attorney Docket No. 393032034420

First Inventor Satoshi INOUE

Title KEYBOARD MUSICAL INSTRUMENT HAVING KEYS REGULATED WITH STABLE KEY BALANCE PIECES AND PROCESS FOR FABRICATING KEYS

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Prior application information:

Examiner Unknown

Group / Art Unit: 2837

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003, Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Filing Date | Concurrently herewith |
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| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge – late filing fee or oath | | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet. | | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive – unavoidable | | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | | 40.00 |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | | |
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